

Man's Creator Stooped to Die

Worksheet 18: **March 10, 2016**—*God Is*

The wonder of it all: The Architect joins his building; the Designer becomes part of his design, and the Creator steps down into his creation—to rule and reign; to straighten things out, to serve up his wrath...yes. But first, he came to die the death that would save as many as would 'call' on Him!

The cross reminds me of the death You died
The perfect life You sacrificed
Your blood with which You paid the price
For all my many sins and vice!

05-10—Jeanene Moore

“As promised from the beginning—the Creator stepped into His creation!”

—unknown

“If He was truly God the Son, it is much more startling that He should die than that He should rise again.

‘Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies,’ wrote Wesley;

but there is no comparable mystery in the Immortal’s resurrection.

And if the immortal Son of God did really submit to taste death,

it is not strange that such a death should have saving significance for a doomed race.”

—J. I. Packer

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Isaiah 44:24ab—Jesus is God! *“This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer who formed you in the womb. ‘I am the LORD, who has made all things....’”*

Matthew 10:32-33

Ephesians 5:2

1 John 1:7

1 John 5:4

Scripture to Memorize:

Philippians 2:8 *“And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!”*

Prayer Requests and Praises:

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John 20:7b “The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.”

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Not surprising, the world regularly and emphatically denies that Jesus was *Who* the Holy Scriptures say He was and is. Describe *Who* Jesus claimed to be in Scripture.

2. What is one of the best evidences that Jesus Christ is *Who* he claimed to be in Scripture?

3. If we are presented with a partial ‘truth’ about Jesus, for example: “Jesus was an enlightened being—a highly moral person, much like Teresa of Calcutta—no less, but no more,” what are we really hearing?

A _____ from _____ !

“The vision of God always transforms human life.”

—Dr. Pardington

Recommended Reading:

- He's Coming Tomorrow*, Harriet Beecher Stowe
- The Case for the Real Jesus*, Lee Strobel
- The Red Sea Rules*, Robert J. Morgan

♥Gospel—*good news*—of Jesus Christ mentioned 96 times in New Testament.

- Matt 24:14 “And this **gospel** of the kingdom will be preached”
 26:13 “wherever this **gospel** is preached throughout”
- Mark 1:1 “The beginning of the **gospel** about Jesus Christ,”
 8:35 “for me and for the **gospel** will save it.”
 10:29 “or children or fields for me and the **gospel**”
 13:10 “the **gospel** must first be preached to all nations.”
 14:9 “the **gospel** is preached throughout the world,”
- Luke 9:6 “from village to village, preaching the **gospel**”
 20:1 “in the temple courts and preaching the **gospel**,”
 Though the **Gospel** of John does not include the word gospel, the text is all over the concept!
John 3:16 is the gospel in a nutshell: “*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*”
- Acts 8:25 “preaching the **gospel** in many Samaritan villages.”
 8:40 “preaching the **gospel** in all the towns”
 15:7 “from my lips the message of the **gospel**”
 16:10 “that God had called us to preach the **gospel**”
 20:24 “task of testifying to the **gospel** of God’s grace.”
- Rom 1:1 “an apostle and set apart for the **gospel** of God—”
 1:2 “the **gospel** he promised beforehand”
 1:9 “with my whole heart in preaching the **gospel**”
 1:15 “so eager to preach the **gospel** also to you who”
 1:16 “I am not ashamed of the **gospel**,”
 1:17 “For in the **gospel** a righteousness from God”
 2:16 “through Jesus Christ, as my **gospel** declares.”
 11:28 “as far as the **gospel** is concerned.”
 15:16 “with the priestly duty of proclaiming the **gospel**”
 15:19 “I have fully proclaimed the **gospel** of Christ.”
 15:20 “to preach the **gospel** where Christ was”
 16:25 “to him who is able to establish you by my **gospel**”
- 1 Cor 1:17 “but to preach the **gospel**—”
 4:15 “in Christ Jesus I became your father through the **gospel**.”
 9:12 “up with anything rather than hinder the **gospel**”
 9:14 “the **gospel** should receive their living from the **gospel**.”
 9:16 “Yet when I preach the **gospel**, I cannot boast,”
 9:16 “Woe to me if I do not preach the **gospel**!”
 9:18 “that in preaching the **gospel** I may offer it free”
 9:23 “I do all this for the sake of the **gospel**,”
 15:1 “to remind you of the **gospel** I preached to you,”
 15:2 “By this **gospel** you are saved,”
- 2 Cor 2:12 “to Troas to preach the **gospel** of Christ and found”
 4:3 “and even if our **gospel** is veiled,”
 4:4 “so that they cannot see the light of the **gospel** of”
 8:18 “by all the churches for his service to the **gospel**.”
 9:13 “that accompanies your confession of the **gospel**”
 10:14 “for we did not get as far as you with the **gospel**”
 10:16 “so that we can preach the **gospel** in the regions”
11:4 “or a **different gospel** from the one you accepted,”
 11:7 “to elevate you by preaching the **gospel**”

Gal	1:6	“of Christ and are turning to a <u>different</u> gospel — ”
	1:7	“which is really <u>no</u> gospel at all.”
	1:7	“and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.”
	1:8	“from heaven should preach a gospel <u>other</u> than”
	1:9	“preaching to you a gospel <u>other</u> than what”
	1:11	“that the gospel I preached is not something”
	2:2	“to a revelation and set before them the gospel ”
	2:5	“the truth of the gospel might remain with you.”
	2:7	“the task of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles,”
	2:14	“not acting in line with the truth of the gospel ,”
	3:8	“announced the gospel in advance”
	4:13	“an illness that I first preached the gospel to you.”
Eph	1:13	“the gospel of your salvation.”
	3:6	“the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together”
	3:7	“I became a servant of this gospel by the gift”
	6:15	“with the readiness that comes from the gospel ”
	6:19	“the mystery of the gospel ,”
Php	1:5	“because of your partnership in the gospel from”
	1:7	“or defending and confirming the gospel ,”
	1:12	“to me has really served to advance the gospel ,”
	1:16	“that I am put here for the defense of the gospel .”
	1:27	“in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.”
	1:27	“as one man for the faith of the gospel ”
	2:22	“with me in the work of the gospel .”
	4:3	“at my side in the cause of the gospel ,”
	4:15	“with the gospel , when I set out from Macedonia,”
Col	1:5	“about in the word of truth, the gospel ”
	1:6	“All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit”
	1:23	“not moved from the hope held out in the gospel .”
	1:23	“This is the gospel you heard and”
1 Th	1:5	“our gospel came to you not simply with words,”
	2:2	“of our God we dared to tell you his gospel ”
	2:4	“by God to be entrusted with the gospel ”
	2:8	“not only the gospel of God but our lives as well,”
	2:9	“to anyone while we preached the gospel of God”
	3:2	“and God’s fellow worker in spreading the gospel ”
2 Th	1:8	“and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”
	2:14	“He called you to this through our gospel ,”
1 Ti	1:11	“to the glorious gospel of the blessed God,”
2 Ti	1:8	“But join with me in suffering for the gospel ,”
	1:10	“and immortality to light through the gospel .”
	1:11	“And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and”
	2:8	“descended from David. This is my gospel ,”
Phm	1:13	“while I am in chains for the gospel ,”
Heb	4:2	“For we also have had the gospel preached to us,”
	4:6	“those who formerly had the gospel preached”
1 Pet	1:12	“by those who have preached the gospel to you”
	4:6	“For this is the reason the gospel was preached”
	4:17	“be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?”
Rev	14:6	“the eternal gospel to proclaim to those”

► Old Testament Prophecies concerning Jesus Christ—Fulfilled in the New ◀

Prophecies in the Old Testament

Fulfilled in the New Testament

- eternal in His existence**—Micah 5:1-2
- The Son of God**—Psalm 2:7; Prov 30:4
- set time for coming**—Gen 49:10; Dan 9:24-25
- anointed with the Holy Spirit**—Isa 11:2; 61:1; Psalm 45:7-8
- name same as Tetragrammaton (YHWH)**—Isaiah 9:5-7; Jeremiah 23:5-6
- The King in Zion**—Psalm 2:6
- a Prophet like unto Moses**—Deut 18:15-18
- a Priest**—Psalm 110:4
- the Anointed One, the ruler, after “sixty-two ‘sevens’” would come the second time as the Anointed One, the ruler after “seven ‘sevens’.”**
Daniel 9:24-26
- would die “sixty-two ‘sevens’” after the first order to rebuild Jerusalem**
Daniel 9:24-26
- seed of the woman/would crush serpent’s head**—Genesis 3:15
- seed of Abraham**—Genesis 17:7; 22:18
- seed of Isaac**—Genesis 21:12
- seed of Jacob**—Genesis 28:14; Num 24:17-19
- tribe of Judah**—Genesis 49:10
- from David’s family and heir to David’s throne**
2 Sam 7:12-16; Ps 89:3-4; 110:1; 132:11; Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5
- “Elijah” (John the Baptist) would come immediately prior to His second coming**—Malachi 3:1; 4:5; Isaiah 40:3-5
- born in Bethlehem**—Micah 5:1
- virgin born and called Immanuel**—Isa 7:14
- would proclaim a Jubilee**—Isa 58:6; 61:1
- Kings would bow down to Him**—Ps 72:10-11
- Bethlehem’s children killed at His coming**—Genesis 35:19-20; 48:7; Jer 31:15
- live in Egypt**—Hosea 11:1
- live in Galilee**—Isaiah 9:1-2
- bind up brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to captives, and announce the acceptable year of the Lord**—Isaiah 61:1-2
- would heal people**—Isaiah 35:5-6; 42:18; 53:4
- teach in parables**—Isaiah 6:9-10; Ps 78:2
- tender, compassionate, meek and humble**—Isaiah 40:11; 42:2-3
- sinless and without guile**—Isaiah 53:9
- John 1:1; 1:14; 8:58; Eph 1:3-14; Colossians 1:15-19; Rev 1:18
- Matt 3:17; Luke 1:32, 35; Ro 1:4
- Luke 2:1
- Matt 3:16; John 3:34; Acts 10:38
- Ro 10:9; Phil 12:9-11
- Luke 1:32; John 18:33-37
- Acts 3:20-22
- Hebrews 5:5-6; 6:20; 7:14-17
- Matt 2:1; 2:16
- Ro 5:16; 1 Peter 3:18
- Galatians 4:4; 1 John 3:8
- Galatians 3:16
- Hebrews 11:17-19
- Matt 1:2; Luke 3:34
- Matt 1:2-3; Luke 3:33; Heb 7:14-17
- Matt 1:1, 6; 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 1:69-70; 2:4-7; 20:42-44; John 7:42; Rev 22:16
- Matt 3:1-3; 11:10-14; Mark 1:2-3; Luke 1:17; 3:2-6; 7:27; John 1:23
- Matt 2:1, 6; Luke 2:4-7; John 7:42
- Matt 1:18-2:1; Luke 1:26-35
- Luke 4:16-21
- Matt 2:1-11
- Matt 2:16-18
- Matt 2:14-15
- Matt 4:13-16
- Luke 4:18-21
- Matt 8:16-17; 11:5
- Matt 13:11-15; 13:34-35
- Matt 12:15-21; Hebrews 4:15
- 1 Peter 2:22

- bore reproaches due others**— Romans 15:3
Isaiah 53:12; Psalm 69:9-10
- triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey**— Matt 21:1-9; Mk 11:1-11; Jn 12:12-16
Isaiah 62:11; Zechariah 9:9; Ps 118:26
- would enter Temple with authority**— Matt 21:12; Luke 2:27-38, 45-50;
John 2:13-22
Haggai 2:7-9; Malachi 3:1
- hated without reason**—Isaiah 49:7; Ps 69:4 John 15:24-25
- rejected by Jewish people**—Psalm 69:4, 8; Matt 15:1-9; Mk 6:3; 7:6-7; Luke 9:58;
Isaiah 6:10; 29:13; 53:3; 63:1-6 John 1:11; 7:3-5; 12:38-40; 15:25
- rejected by Jewish leadership**—Psalm 118:22 Matt 21:42-46; Mark 12:10-11;
Luke 20:17; John 7:48-49
- plotted against by Jews and Gentiles**—Ps 2:1-2 Luke 23:12; Acts 4:27
- betrayed by a friend**—Psalm 41:9; 55:12-24 Matt 26:21-25, 47-50; John 13:18-30;
Acts 1:16-18
- betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, and the price for His life given to buy a potters field**—
Zechariah 11:12-13 Matt 26:15; 27:3-10
- forsaken by his flock**—Zechariah 13:7 Matt 26:31, 56
- Shepherd would be struck**—Zech 13:7; Micah 5:1 Matt 26:31; 27:30; Mark 14:27
- spat on, mocked and beaten**—Isa 50:6; Ps 22:7-8 Matt 26:67-68; 27:26, 30-31, 39-44
- crucified with hands and feet pierced**— Matt 27:35; Lu 24:39; Jn 19:18, 34-37;
Zechariah 12:10; Psalm 22:16 John 20:20-28; Rev 1:7
- thirsty during crucifixion and given vinegar and gall**—
Psalm 22:15; 69:21 Matt 27:34; John 19:28-29
- not one bone is broken**—Exo 12:46; Num 9:12; John 19:31-37
Psalm 34:20
- forsaken by God**—Psalm 22:1 Matthew 27:46
- bearing reproach**—Psalm 22:6; 69:7, 9, 20 Romans 15:3
- intensity of his sufferings**—Psalm 22:14-15 Luke 22:42, 44
- would die with transgressors**—Isaiah 53:9-12 Matt 27:38; Luke 22:37
- lots cast for His garments**—Psalm 22:18 John 19:24
- buried by a rich man**—Isaiah 53:9 Matt 27:57-60
- His flesh will not see corruption**—Psalm 16:10 Acts 2:31
- His resurrection**—Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 26:19 Luke 24:6, 31, 34
- would rise on the 3rd day**—Gen 22:4; Isa 53:9-10 Matt 12:40; 28:1-20; Luke 24:46;
Ps 2:7; 16:8-11; Hosea 6:2; Jonah 1:7 Acts 2:25-32; 13:33-35
- His dying words prophesied**—Psalm 22:1; 31:5 Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:46
- ♥**Jesus realized that His arrest and crucifixion was fulfilling prophecy**—Matt 26:54-56
- His death would atone for the sins of mankind**—
Isaiah 53:5-7, 12 Mk 10:45; John 1:29; 3:16; Acts 8:30-35
- would ascend to the Father's right hand**—
Psalm 16:11; 68:18-19; 110:1 Lu 24:51; Acts 1:9-11; 7:55; Heb 1:3
- exercise His priestly office in heaven**—Zech 6:13 Romans 8:34; Heb 7:25-8:2
- cornerstone of God's Messianic Community**— Matt 21:42; Eph 2:20; 1 Pet 2:5-7
Isaiah 28:16; Psalm 118:22-23
- sought after and accepted by Gentiles**— Matt 12:15-21; Ro 9:30; 10:20; 11:11;
Isaiah 11:10; 42:1-4; 49:1, 12 Romans 15:10; Acts 10:45; 13:46-48

The Authenticity of Christianity

A modern agenda asserts that there are many Christianities—many gospels—of which Christianity is only one, and therefore cannot claim to be **The ‘Only One’**, even though Scripture emphatically says that the Gospel of Jesus Christ **is** the only one. Let me ask a ludicrous question: Is Satan just wanting to be fair? Absolutely not—his agenda is to deny God and to denigrate Christ, our Lord. Acts 3:19-20 “**Repent, then, and return to God so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus!**”

Old Testament—Psalm 90:1-2—(Moses spoke of Jesus Christ, **the Lord**) “*Lord (Anointed One), you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you (Jesus) are God.*”

New Testament—Galatians 4:4-5—“*But when the time had fully come God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons (daughters).*”

► Scripture has many proofs of its authenticity, even though the secular world has claimed that people putting together the canon of the Bible—A. D. 170-397—had prejudices against other ‘gospels’. The authenticity of Holy Scripture is overwhelming, and in putting together its canon the following four factors were given uppermost credence and consideration:

- **Date** of documents—“a huge difference exists between something written 20 to 30 years after Jesus and 60 to 100 years.” Those who canonized Scripture chose documents dated closest to Jesus birth, life, ministry and death.

- **Geographic** connection—documents and testimonies from the Eastern Mediterranean were given priority over those from Spain or France, etceteras.

- **Cultural** accuracy—norms, politics, and events were scrutinized.

- **Motivational** considerations—did the writer have a secret agenda or bias other than affirming Jesus, like the Gnostics—was there an axe-to-grind?

Hebrews 2:1-3

*“We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, **so that we do not drift away.** For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, **show shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation?** This salvation, which was **first announced by the Lord,** was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”*